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PATENT APPLICATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US)  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of the above-identified patent application,  
applicant respectfully requests entry of the following amendment.

Amendments to the Specification

Please add the following sentence to the beginning of the application.

This application is the national phase under 35 U.S.C. § 371 of PCT International  
Application No. PCT/US03/12166, which has an International filing date of April 21, 2003,  
designating the United States of America, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent